

REMARKS

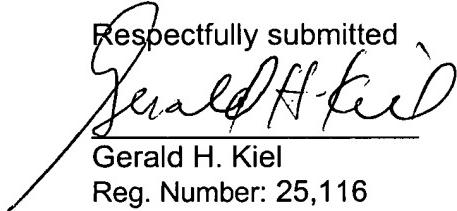
Applicants elect Group III, claim 9, drawn to an arrangement in a laser scanning microscope having a dispersive element positioned in a detection beam path and operable to spatially disperse a detection beam coming from an object under study, a micro-mirror arrangement operable to switch selected wavelengths of the dispersed detection beam, and a detector that receives the switched wavelengths of the spatially dispersed detection beam.

Applicant believes that it would be more efficient to examine all of the claims together in a single application. Moreover, Applicant submits that all claims can be searched and examined without any serious burden to the Examiner.

Based upon the above election, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and its allowance. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact him at the number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted


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